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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUXEMBOURG 0117

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ILO, AORG, LU, OEXC
SUBJECT: MISSION OF SPECIAL ENVOY ON ILO

1. DESPITE VALIANT EFFORTS AND USAF ASSISTANCE, AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN WAS DELAYED EN ROUTE FROM BELGRADE BY WEATHER CONDITIONS AND YUGOSLAV RAILROADS AND SO ARRIVED IN LUXEMBOURG TOO LATE FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN/PRIME MINISTER THORN. THORN'S PRESENCE WAS UNALTERABLY REQUIRED DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING AT CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FOR IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE DEBATES, AND SO THERE WAS NO FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULE AFTER MORNING. SILBERMAN-THORN MEETING NOW RESCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON.

2. AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN, GENEVA LABAT PFEIFFER AND ECONOFFICER DID HAVE FRUTIFUL ONE HOUR DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER
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OF LABOR B. BERG AND HIS CHIEF COUNSELOR ROMAIN SCHINTGEN.

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MINISTER BERG HAS A LONG PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN ILO MATTERS AND STRONG INTEREST IN U. S. POSITION. DURING LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY OF EC COMMISSION, MINISTER BERG WILL CHAIR MINISTERIAL MEETINGS ON LABOR ISSUES. HE WILL ALSO MAKE HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE U.S. THIS MARCH/APRIL, AS A LEADER GRANTEE, WHERE I. L. O.- RELATED BRIEFINGS AND MEETING RANK NO. 1 ON HIS LIST OF DISCUSSION POINTS.

3. SUBSTANCE OF TALKS WITH BERG BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.
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